

What is claimed is,

1. A rope hook comprising

a body including a pair of substantially hook shaped rope catches,

a off-the-hook limiting lever pivotally connected at its base by means of a pivotal fulcrum to the body of the part other than the tip portion of the rope catch so as to pivot from a closed position in which the end portion of the lever bear against the inside surface of the tip to close the opening defined between the end portion and the tip to an open position in which the end portion is spaced from the tip, and

a spring to urge the levers to pivot them to the closed position,

characterized in that it further comprising:

a spring for providing clearances allowing the lateral displacement of the levers in the direction perpendicular to the pivotal movement of the levers within the predetermined range and for urging the levers laterally to their locked position, and

stopper means for preventing the pivotal movement of the levers toward the opened position only when the off-the-hook limiting levers are positioned in their locked position.

2. The rope hook according to claim 1, wherein the stopper means includes a surface portion of the body defined beside a lever support to which the lever is to be pivotally connected

at its base and a portion of the base of the lever.

3. The rope hook according to claim 1, wherein that the stopper means includes a locking claw formed on the tip of the rope catch and a locking protrusion formed on the end portion of the lever.

4. The rope hook according to claim 3, wherein a predetermined amount of clearance or margin allowing the lateral swing of the lever to disengage the locking protrusion with the locking claw is provided at the pivotal fulcrum of the lever.

5. The rope hook according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the spring for urging the lever to the closed position and the spring for urging the lever to its locked position are combined to form an integral spring.

6. The rope hook according to claim 5, wherein the spring including coils and side arms extending from the end of each coils is an complex spring made of one wire rod of spring material, the arms are served to urge the lever toward the closed position and the coils are served to urge the lever to the locked position.

7. A rope hook comprising:

a body including a pair of substantially hook shaped rope catches,

a off-the-hook limiting lever pivotally connected at its base by means of a pivotal fulcrum to the body of the part other than the tip portion of the rope catch so as to

pivot from a closed position in which the end portions of the lever bear against the inside surface of the tip to close the opening defined between the end portion and the tip to an open position in which the end portions are spaced from the tips, and

a spring to urge the lever to pivot it to the closed position, characterized in that it further comprising:

a spring for providing clearances allowing the displacement of the lever in the direction perpendicular to the pivotal movement of the lever within the predetermined range and for urging the lever laterally to their locked position, and

stopper means for preventing the pivotal movement of the lever toward the opened position only when the off-the-hook limiting levers are positioned in their locked position.

8. The rope hook according to claim 7, wherein the stopper means includes a locking claw formed on the tip of the rope catch and a locking protrusion formed on the end portion of the lever.

9. The rope hook according to claim 8, wherein a predetermined amount of clearance or margin allowing the swing of the lever to disengage the locking protrusion with the locking claw is provided at the pivotal fulcrum of the lever.

10. The rope hook according to any one of claims 7-9, wherein the spring for urging the lever to the closed

position and the spring for urging the lever to its locked position are combined to form an integral spring.

11. The rope hook according to claim 10, wherein the spring including coils and side arms extending from the end of each coils is an complex spring made of one wire rod of spring material, the arms are served to urge the lever toward the closed position and the coils are served to urge the lever to the locked position.

12. The rope hook according to claim 11, further comprising a means for compressing the coil of the spring to urge the lever to the locked position.

13. The rope hook according to claim 12, wherein which the means for compressing the coil is formed by an inclined portion provided in either of the body or the lever to which the coils are urged.